

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, February 10, 2020

6:00 PM

Clarendon County Council

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman A.C. English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Willie Briggs	Robert Pegram	Barbara Ferrell
Charlotte Johnston	Patricia Pringle	Michael A. Johnson	Dorothy Black
James Black	Sampson Pearson	Robert McFadden	Johnny Wilson
Tammy Rodvansky	Linda P. Lemon	And Other Clarendon County Residents	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with opening comments. He thanked everyone for coming. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for February 10, 2020.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, January 13, 2020.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on Thursday, January 30, 2020.

3. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, HR Director, presented seven employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

• April Cantey	5 Years	Connie Wise	10 Years
• Judge Janice Coney	5 Years	Karen T. Brown	10 Years
• Rebecca Massey	5 Years	Vickie Williams	10 Years
• George Kosinski	5 Years		

4. Board Appointments

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Lisa Justice to the Clarendon County Development Board to serve a three-year term.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint W. Stanley Moore to the Clarendon County Assessment Appeals Board to serve a one-year term.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to reappoint Julie Rickenbaker to the Clarendon County Assessment Appeals Board to serve a one-year term.

5. Presentation – Christina Darby, Director of Development

Ms. Darby began her presentation by showing Council posters that are displayed at schools showing the importance of Heart Health. She continued by stating that on March 28, 2020, Clarendon County would be having the first Heart Walk Kickoff.

Ms. Darby concluded her presentation by showing a video of Billy Coffey. Mr. Coffey explained what happened to him when he went to the doctor. He stated (on the video) that he had 4 blocked arteries that he was not aware of that required surgery. Ms. Darby stated that heart health is a very serious thing and we should be selective as to what we drink because of the amount of sugar in soft drinks.

Chairman Start thanked Ms. Darby for her presentation.

6. Introduction – Edgar Donnal, Jr., Third Circuit Public Defender

Mr. Donnal introduced himself to Council as the New Third Circuit Public Defender. He stated that he replaced Mr. Jack Howle. He concluded by stating that he wants Council to know who he was before budget time and that he's hoping to implement some cost cutting projects.

7. Ordinance 2020-01

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2020-01 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, In One or More Series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$850,000 for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, or Rehabilitating Various Capital Projects Related to Project Gamechanger; Authorizing the County Administrator to Prescribe the Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and the Disposition of the Proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for Borrowing in Anticipation of the Issuance of the Bonds; and Other Related Matters.

Administrator Epperson stated that there is a company moving into the old Belk's building. He stated that this Ordinance is for a Bond Anticipation Note for \$850,000 to complete the renovation which should be finished by the end of 2020.

- Councilman English asked how many people the company has.
- George Kosinski, Development Board Director, replied by stating that the company has 24 employees.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-01 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, In One or More Series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$850,000 for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, or Rehabilitating Various Capital Projects Related to Project Gamechanger; Authorizing the County Administrator to Prescribe the Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and the Disposition of the Proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for Borrowing in Anticipation of the Issuance of the Bonds; and Other Related Matters.

8. Ordinance 2020-02

Consideration was given to First Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina and BSPA Hospitality LLC: Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Related Matters.

Administrator Epperson stated that we have begun the process to offer an Incentive Package.

George Kosinski stated that he has been working with this company for about six months. He stated that they will be investing 8.4 Million Dollars, they will have 15 fulltime employees and 10 seasonal employees and an annual payroll of \$580,000.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2020-02 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina and BSPA Hospitality LLC: Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Related Matters.

9. Resolution 2020-02

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Resolution 2020-02 – A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the Sumter-Clarendon Industrial Park by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Sumter County, South Carolina, to Expand the Boundaries of the Park to include Real Property; and Other Related Matters.

Administrator Epperson stated that 1% of the fund from the Multi County Industrial Park goes to Sumter County and the balance comes to Clarendon to be distributed by Council as they see fit.

- Vice Chairman Frierson asked if Sumter was the only County in the Multi County Industrial Park.
- Administrator Epperson replied by stating that the main agreement that Clarendon has is with Sumter County.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to Resolution 2020-02 - A Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Master Agreement Governing the Sumter-Clarendon Industrial Park by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and Sumter County, South Carolina, to Expand the Boundaries of the Park to include Real Property; and Other Related Matters.

10. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,972,069 and Revenue figures were not available as of January 31, 2020.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$7,027 for the month ending January 31, 2020 and total Expenses were \$67,066. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of January 2020 after transfers with a Zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Operating Revenue of \$534,193 and Operating Expenses of \$364,042 as of January 31, 2020. He stated that after depreciation and Bond interest expense, Interest Income, and Grant Revenue, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Loss of \$167,456.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of January 2020 had a Cash Balance of \$2,324,527 of which \$1,286,819 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$1,037,708 as of the end of January 2020

11. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- **USDA Phase II** – Work is continuing as planned.
- **Phase III Water Project** – We have received a permit to construct the well house and install the tank. Once this is completed and approval is given by DHEC, we can place this well online.
- **Clarendon County Fire Department- (Wyboo Station)** – The Fire Department has moved in. Paving of the public access is in progress and should be completed soon.
- **Capital Projects** – Roofing projects are continuing as well as the recreation projects at Walker Gamble Park and Warsaw Park in Summerton.
- **C-Funds** – We anticipate road paving projects to begin soon. Staff will also be discussing local and state projects for the 2020/2021 C-Fund year. Once we have compiled a list of these projects, staff plans are to submit it to the CTC for review.
- **Santee-Wateree RTA** - I am currently in the process of confirming a date where SWRTA will make a presentation to County Council at one of its upcoming meetings. Once this date has been proposed I will let you know.
- **Misc.** – Baseball and softball registrations are ongoing and will end on Friday, February 14. The regularly scheduled County Council meeting for March will be held in Turbeville on Monday, March 9th at 6 pm. It will be held at Clarendon School District Three District Office.

12. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by sending his condolences to Bridgett Epperson and family for the loss of her grandfather. He continued by stating that he was schooled by Donna Patterson from the Princess Pond area about Tannerite Bombs. Tannerite bombs is an explosive that is sold in the form of a kit and is used for target practice. Once the kit is mixed, you can shoot it with a high-power rifle.

Chairman Stewart stated that we will explore to see if the County can regulate this but as of right now, there is no way the County can regulate this and there isn't anything that the county can do. He concluded his report by stating that South Carolina is a Legislative State and the Legislature controls what the County can and cannot do.

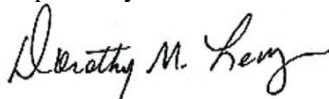
13. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

